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Comprehensive Plan – Transportation Chapter Meeting Summary

Tuesday, May 8, 2007 ▫ 4 - 6 PM
Central Corridor Resource Center
1080 University Avenue

1. Central Corridor update: Downtown transit and pedestrian improvements (10-15 min.)
2. Economic Development & Downtown Revitalization
 - Discussion Questions:
 1. How would you prioritize City efforts to construct new streets as a part of industrial redevelopment, commercial corridor enhancement, or creating access to under-utilize lands? (Project specific or standards)
 2. What transportation policies might help the City focus or promote public investment and economic development around major destinations and significant transfer points, such as LRT stations? In addition to proposed LRT stations, what are these major job destinations in St. Paul?
 3. How can the City better serve neighborhood businesses through transportation improvements? Where do the needs of neighborhood businesses and residents most often conflict?
 4. Should the City continue its policy of vacating unnecessary streets, such as those platted and unpaved or those that create short blocks, for housing and economic development opportunities? Where does an urban grid need to be reinstated?
 5. Should the City renew its policy to support freeway capacity improvements that alleviate congestion at the northbound ramps of downtown?
 6. How can the City better support the downtown TMO's efforts to work with the downtown community and large employers on the issues of parking, TDM, carpooling, transit incentives, etc? Considering the current vacancy rate in downtown office space, how can the City ensure competitive parking for downtown employees and visitors?
 7. How can the City better handle special traffic and parking demands generated by special events and downtown attractions? Should the City renew its policy to make downtown events more accessible by taxi cabs?
 8. How might the City work better with the downtown business community to develop and maintain streetscape improvements?
 9. Are there critical vertical connections (from downtown to the river) that need to be studied or created?
3. Next meeting
 - Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at the Central Corridor Resource Center, 4 – 6 pm
 - The topic will be *Bicycle System Development* and Russ Stark will present the Bicycle Advisory Board's draft plan